

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 93-183-W - ORDER NO. 93-470 ✓
MAY 26, 1993

IN RE: Request of Piney Grove Utilities,) ORDER
 Inc. for the Transfer of Water Lines) GRANTING
 in the Graustark Subdivision to The) REQUEST
 City of West Columbia.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the March 22, 1993 letter of W.E. Sellers, President of Piney Grove Utilities, Inc. (Piney Grove). The letter asks that Piney Grove be allowed to transfer the water lines in the Graustark Subdivision to the City of West Columbia. The letter states that the City of West Columbia has agreed to accept the Graustark water lines, and to extend their water lines to connect to the existing lateral water lines in the Graustark Subdivision. Sellers states that, at this time, the well producing the greatest flow volume is out of order for good, leaving the other well with a 15 GPM flow serving some thirty six individual water customers.

To be able to connect the Graustark water lines to the City of West Columbia and transfer title to the water lines, the City is requiring Piney Grove to pay it the sum of \$15,700 to extend Piney Grove's lines and exchange gallon meters for cubic feet meters. Sellers states that, to be able to connect to the city of

West Columbia water system will be to the advantage of the residents of the Graustark Subdivision for the following reasons:

1. The source of water will be constant.
2. The existing fire hydrants cannot be used for fire fighting because neither the volume nor pressure is sufficient. This will be remedied.
3. The residents will be able to water their lawns without experiencing a dramatic drop in water pressure, as they do presently.
4. The City of Columbia water rates will be in line with Piney Grove Utilities water rates.

Further, the EPA has mandated testing of the two wells, which would require additional costs.

Notice of the proposed transfer has been provided to all customers. Further, Piney Grove asks that the Commission waive the hearing due to the fact that one well is already out of order for good, and the second well is producing minimum flow at this time.

The Commission has considered this matter and agrees with Sellers that Piney Grove Utilities, Inc. should be allowed to transfer its water lines in the Graustark Subdivision to the City of West Columbia, effective with the date of this Order. Further, we believe that a hearing should be waived in the matter due to the emergency nature of the request, and the fact that all residents

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have been notified. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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